the General commanded his companies that were ashore to repair on board, caused his ship to be provided, his nettings laced, and his ordnance all out, lesolutely determined to sink there But at length a composition was ofTeicd and the Englishmen and Flemings that weie m piiaon were lelcased

But soon afterward othei mistortune befell them While the men were still in prison one of the chiefebt men of the French leaguei who was consul in that place entered the prison where they weie and began to abuse in most opprobrious terms the name of the Queen Theieafter two of the Englishmen chanced to meet this Frenchman, and remembering Jus woids, for lack of a weapon began to beat him with their fists, and the quarrel was taken up by others

When the French Consul heard of it, he went immediately to the King with his complaint, who sent for the General But he being advertised of the truth b\ one of his followers made answer that if the quarrel were such as was reported, he would Lill him with his own handb that should not offer with his life to maintain the honour of his Mistiess whose match the world afforded not After further talk the Consul offered his handkerchief to the General'b face who was so moved thereat that he struck him over the face with his fist, and craved of the King to grant him the combat against the Consul But the King, who had received abundance of gold from the Frenchman would not allow it and dismissed them for that night

About eight o'clock the next morning the King sent for the General and the men who had begun the brawl, and caused the men to receive the bastinado and the General to be committed prisoner, threatening that if he did not become friends with the Consul, he should lose his hand The General

dreading naught
his threats refused, but his company came to him
and on their
knees besought him to tender both his own estate
and theirs, for
on his welfare depended all their goods So
likewise his especial
fnend Mr Benedick Winter pleaded with him, to
whom he
yielded Then being sent for by the King he made
friends with
the Consul who ever afterward showed wonderful
great kind-
ness and pleasure to the General and all his
company. And so,
after many troubles, on the first of February, 1594
they departed
the road towards the bottom of the Straits to
seek their better